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"Coin Auction"

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## Presidents Message

Hello Everyone,

Well, what do you think about the look & feel of our UNS newsletter?? I, for one, am very pleased with it! I would like to thank all club members who have worked hard to make this happen, especially Robie Cagle & Doug Nyholm. These two have really gone the extra mile in jazzing up the newsletter & making it something we can all be proud of. There's an old saying that says image is everything. If that is true, then the image of our club has just been sent into orbit. Please take some time to read through this current

issue. We would appreciate your comments and concerns regarding our newsletter...both the good & bad. Who knows, perhaps we can incorporate a "letter to the editor" section in future newsletters if we have enough participation. My hope is that as we continue to make improvements in various aspects relating to our UNS club, that we can increase club membership & thereby the participation in our wonderful hobby.

September's club activity is an auction. I'm looking forward to it because you never know what someone



will bring to sell. For me, a good part of the excitement of collecting is the "hunt"...looking to fill a spot in my album or even just finding something that catches my eye. That is great fun to me! Remember to email Robie your 5 lots ahead of time if you can & come early September 8th to get things squared away before the meeting starts so that we can have as much time as possible for the auction. See you soon!

Happy pre-season football watching,

Tom Jensen

### September Meeting Details.

Meetings - Second Tuesday of each month (Sept. 8th)

Time - 7:00 P.M.

Location - Columbus Community Center; 2531 South 400 East, SLC

Greetings - Tom Jensen

Mini Exhibit - TBA

News & Views - None this month due to dedicated time for our auction

Coin Quiz - None this month due to dedicated time for our auction

Refreshments- TBA





Can anyone identify the coin pictured above?

It is apparently made of brass with traces of a gold wash or gold gilt applied long ago.

I think it is a 'counter' similar to BG-1328. Any further identification would be appreciated.

Can you think of

another coin

without a date?



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## Interesting Coin of the Month





### The Coin Without A Date!

This coin is the only coin minted by the U.S. which bears no date. But you say there is a date, it is 1900, clear as daylight. This is not the date of the coin but part of the legend on the coin. This reads "Erected by the youth of the United States in honor of Gen. Lafayette \* Paris 1900." The reference to 1900 is not the date of the coin but simply part of the inscription. The coin was actually minted in 1899. The commission requesting the coin asked the mint to date it 1900 but it is U.S. law that coins could not be dated other than the year of production. Thus the date was omitted intentionally by the mint. Thus the Lafayette commemorative dollar is a dateless coin which was coined in 1899.

# UNS Program for September's Meeting

This month's program is our annual auction. Each person is allowed 5 auction lots. An individual lot may consist of multiple items. If your lot is one with multiple items it is a good idea to keep the contents similar.

In other words, don't mix coins, supplies, and publications in one lot. Also it is a good idea to keep the items to a minimum. Rolls of coins should be considered as individual lots and groups of rolls are quite OK. If

possible please email your proposed lots to the editor prior to the meeting. This will allow a simpler and time savings method in preparing a listing for the participants. Good luck.

# Buy of the Month / Prizes of the Month

### This month's buy is:

- Various Mint Sets
- Various Proof Sets
- Rolled Coins

### Prizes for September -

### 1987 1/20 ounce gold Panda!

1 each 2000 Iceland Leif E. commemorative

1 each 2007 Pres. dollar proof set

1 each 1964 mint set

1 each1935-S Wash. Quarter1 each1999 German 10 mark

1 each 2002 proof Westpoint commemorative

1 each
1 each
2001 German 10 mark
1 each
2001 clad proof quarter set
2007 Little Rock commemorative
1 each
2005 silver Britannia - Promptness
1 each
2 each
1 each
2 each
2 each
3 each
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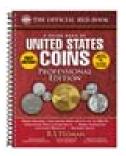
1 each 2004 Thomas Edison commemorative

1 each Eagle Medal

1 each Morgan \$ 1894-O - Member Prize

1 each Mark Twain Medal

1 each 2005 John Marshall commemorative



# This new book is scheduled to ship on Sept.

Suggested price is \$29.95.

29th.

### Book Review

The Professional Edition is a new and enlarged version of a hobby classic, the "Red Book." Its expanded content helps intermediate and advanced collectors and coin dealers build their collections and make smart purchases and sales.

The book is physically larger than the regular-edition Red Book (almost 50% larger, at 8.5 x 11 inches), and spiralbound for convenient reference.

Expanded features of the Professional Edition include:

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Detailed grading instructions, including for Mint State and Proof coins.

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Question #1- Which US coin was the first to display the designers initials?

Question #2 – John Reich designed the capped bust half dollars, how did he sign his work?

<u>Question #3</u> – What coin is considered by many to be the first commemorative coin?

<u>Question #4</u> – Longacre designed many coins, which coin that bears his initial is considered to be a classic rarity?

<u>Question #5</u> – What commemorative 'half dollar' was struck in gold?

Answers will be given at the next club meeting and in next month's newsletter.



### **Identify This Coin**

Can you identify the coin pictured at left?

This coin is a significant rarity with only about 30-35 known. The coin pictured is in a condition which is typically encountered. No uncirculated examples exist and it

may not even exist in XF. The coin can be identified by denomination, variety and type by the picture shown.

Hint: You need to specify the variety.

Good Luck!

# Young Numismatist's News

This area is reserved for any contributor who would like to write or submit information relating to our youth members. This month will be a quiz or lesson on Roman numerals.

A very well know coin coined just over 100 years ago was dated with Roman numerals as –

MCMVII What is this date?

What was the coin?

Roman numerals are indicated by the following letters. Do you know what each means?

Answers next month.

M =

V=

X=

l=

C=

L=

D=

### Counterfeit Corner











A

Pick Up Point

Date No VDB

Frequency Encountered Common

Identification Difficulty
Easy

<u>Value</u> Moderate

#### COUNTERFIET

Fake 1914-D Lincoln's are often seen as a modified 1944-D cent. These can easily be detected by the gap between the 9 and 1 in the date and the presence of VDB on the shoulder which was not used in 1914. A genuine mintmark will have a more square appearance than those with an added D and will also have distinct serifs. Added mintmark coins are also frequently encountered. One diagnostic is a die crack from the rim to the third fold of Lincoln's shirt where is meets his coat. This may or may not be visible depending on wear.

### Feature Article

Let us know what you think of the new format for the UNS Newsletter. This page is reserved for anyone wishing to try their hand at writing. Let us know about a recent, or past, experience. Share some of your knowledge with the club membership. Ask a question, post a forum, anything you want. No experience necessary.

There have been two pages added which will become a permanent feature for future newsletters. They are the "Coin Of The Month" and the "Counterfeit Corner." If you have suggestions as to what you would like to see let us know. Presently we have enough files on hand for over 2 years but that doesn't mean a special request can't take precedence and be inserted.

If you would like to stump the experts or insert a youth quiz of around 5 questions we would like to see that also. Finally the youth are the future of our hobby. There is a section devoted to YN interests and we would really like to see a monthly column or something of YN interest here.

There are going to be a few bugs to work out and if you spot something incorrect or miss-formatted let us know right away. The newsletter will be sent email in full color to all members with an email address in PDF format. This format can be read on any computer, PC or Mac, and the Adobe Acrobat Reader is free on the internet to anyone if you don't already have a copy. Let us know if you have any problems. For those of you receiving the newsletter via postal mail it should be a bit larger but any color will be lost and you will receive a monochrome version. We would like to get you the full color email version and if you do have access to email please let us know. This will save the club a significant amount of expense and also save a lot of time.

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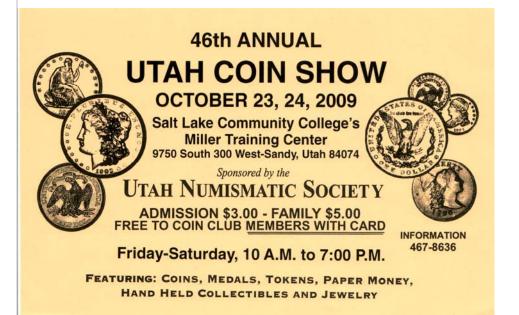
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